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SUBJECT: FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS FOR INR/P

REF: STATE 94073

1. REFTEL DATED APRIL 12 REPORTED THAT DATE OF LAST RECEIPT OF VARIOUS

NAMIBIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS SENT TO INR/P WAS MARCH 28-31 AND EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS TIME-LAG. ASSUME DATE REFERRED TO IN THIS CASE IS PUBLICATION DATE AND NOT DATE LAST RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT. IF LATTER THIS WOULD MEAN THAT MARCH 31 AIR FREIGHT POUCH HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED. AS THE EMBASSY POINTED OUT IN PRETORIA 2150, PUBLICATIONS ARE POUCHES TO DEPARTMENT ON FRIDAY FOLLOWING THEIR RECEIPT BY EMBASSY VIA OUR SINGLE WEEKLY AIR FREIGHT POUCH. IN CASE OF NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN PUBLICATIONS, THESE ARE NORMALLY RECEIVED BY EMBASSY ANYWHERE FROM 4 TO 8 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION DEPENDING ON SPEED OF MAILS. THUS OUR RECORDS SHOW WINDHOEK ADVERTISER OF MARCH 22, 23, 27 AND 28 ( PAPER NOT

PUBLISHED ON WEEK-ENDS AND HOLIDAYS) WAS SENT IN MARCH 31 AIR FREIGHT POUCH. ISSUES OF MARCH 29, 30, 31 AND APRIL 3 AND 4 WERE SENT IN APRIL 7 POUCH. AIR FREIGHT POUCHES AVERAGE ABOUT FIVE DAYS TO DEPARTMENT MAILROOM SO APRIL 7 POUCH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECIVED WHEN REFTEL SENT. REGARDING JOHANNESBURG PUBLICATIONS, RAND DAILY MAIL OF MARCH 25-30 POUCHES MARCH 31 AND ISSUES OF MARCH 31, APRIL 1-7 POUCHES APRIL 7. THUS, TIME-LAG TO DEPARTMENT MAILROOM FOR  
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NAMIBIA/RHODESIA PUBLICATIONS WILL NORMALLY BE ABOUT 11 TO 20 DAYS AND 6 TO 14 DAYS FOR JOHANNESBURG NEWSPAPERS. TRANSIT TIME \*FROM MAIL ROOM TO ADDRESSEE NOT INCLUDED. EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF ANY MEANS OF REDUCING THIS TIME LAG UNDER CURRENT FAM REGULATIONS UNLESS DEPARTMENT WHISHES TO SWITCH TO DIRECT AIRMAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF INR/P ORDERS FOR DIE VADERLAND AND

DIE BURGER. REQUEST COPIES OF ORDERS WITH FISCAL DATA BE POUCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DIE BURGER IS PUBLISHED IN CAPE TOWN SO TIME-LAG WILL BE GREATER THAN FOR JOHANNESBURG PAPERS.

3. EMBASSY ORDERED INFORMATION-ENGLISH IN DECEMBER BUT INSPITE OF FOLLOW-UPS WITH PUBLISHER HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ANY ISSUES. RECENT FOLLOW-UPS MAY PRODUCE SOME RESULTS BUT THIS IS UNCERTAIN.

4. ON WEEKLIES, POINTS MADE ON TIME-LAG OF DAILIES ALSO HOLD TRUE. THUS, SUNDAY TIMES OF MARCH 26 AND SA DIGEST OF MARCH 24 ARE LATEST ISSUES THAT COULD HAVE REACHED DEPARTMENT BY APRIL 12. WOULD NOTE THAT VAGARIES OF MAIL MEAN THAT WEEKLIES OCCASIONALLY MISS POUCH AND TWO SHIPPED ON FOLLOWING WEEK. WE ARE MISSING SEVERAL ISSUES OF RADIO AND TV PERSONALITY FROM EARLY MARCH.  
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